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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Masahide MOHRI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/891,655

Confirmation No.: 4405

Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: June 27, 2001

Examiner:

For: METAL OXIDE POWDER AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE SAME

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed June 27, 2001, and prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claim:**

4. (Twice Amended) The metal oxide powder according to claim 1, wherein said

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ratio of a primary particle size to an agglomerated particle size is from 1 to 3.